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Mike Johanns, Governor. Mr. President, LR 263, LR 264, LR 265, LR 267 are ready for your signature. And two reports, one from the Health and Human Services System and another from the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2410-2414.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Legislative confirmation reports.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report this morning, Business and Labor Committee appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Orr to Commission of Industrial Relations.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Members, if we can have your attention. Senator Vrtiska, to open on the Business and Labor confirmation report.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I present to you this morning the name of Jeffrey L. Orr, an appointment by the Governor to the Commission of Industrial Relations. We had a hearing on the 24th, the Business and Labor Committee. Mr. Orr was not there at the time appointed, but we found out later that he had mistakenly had the time wrong, and so he did show up. We did get the committee together and he answered the questions that were asked of him very favorably. He is a reappointment. He has been serving in this position at a previous time and as the present time serving, and we, with those qualifications that he presented, we are presenting his name for your consideration. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. For discussion on the confirmation report, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, for the reasons that I've given in the past for voting in the negative on these nominations, I am again today casting such a negative vote. It has nothing to do with the qualification or suitability of this person for the position to which he has been appointed.